1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
29.	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0
30.	Delhi	0	0	0	0	0	0
31.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0
32.	Pondicherry	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL (UTs)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL (ALL-INDIA)	17	6	9	19	22	13

Proposal to involve Private Sector in Higher Education

1902. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking of actively involving the private sector in the field of higher education to tide over the budgetary constraints;

(b) if so, what are the areas in which private sector would be encouraged and what central mechanism in envisaged so that the standards of higher education are maintained and students are not unduly burdened in this regard; and

(c) what is the ratio of elementary education various higher education so far as financial outlays are concerned?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The Government is thinking of establishing a strong interface between Industry, Education and Science and Technology with a view to accelerate the economic development of the country.

(c) The Plan allocation proposed during 1998-99 for Elementary Education and University & Higher Education is Rs. 2778.53 crore and Rs. 412.75 crore respectively yielding a ratio of 6.7:1.

Financial Crisis Faced by Universities of Assam

1903. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what grants or assistance have been offered by UGC to solve the financial difficulties faced by three State Universities of Assam, i.e., Guwahati University, Dibrugarh University and Assam Agricultural University at Jorhat; the details of the amount given to them for the last three years; and

(b) the amount given as grants or assistance to Silchar and Tezpur Central Universities for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Central Universities are established by Acts of Parliament and their maintenance and development expenditure is met by the Central Government through UGC. State Universities are set up by Acts of State Legislatures and their maintenance and development expenditure is met by the respective State Governments. UGC provides only development grants to the eligible State Universities and Colleges, as per the prescribed norms, and that too, only a part of their requirements. It is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Govern-

ment/agencies to provide reasonable level of Plan and Non-Plan grants to the universities/colleges established by them.

The details of the grants released to the Universities in Assam during the last three years are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the University	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
1.	Assam University	544.07	502.53	658.89
2.	Tezpur University	269.52	269.32	482.05
3.	Dibrugarh University	37.75	60.62	86.11
4.	Gauhati University	108.20	65.71	106.11
5.	Assam Agricultural University	NIL	NIL	NIL

Control over IGNCA

1904. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) is the only trust of Government which has provision for life time trustees and a president for life;

(b) whether the amendments made in the IGNCA trust deed in 1995 are unprecedented and abolish any reasonable control of Government over an institution set up by it and fully funded through public money;

(c) whether Government would ask the CAG to conduct an audit of IGNCA accounts since 1987, as serious financial irregularities have been reported; and

(d) what other steps Government propose to take on immediate basis to ensure greater control and accountability of IGNCA?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) IGNCA is the only Trust attached to the Department of Culture which has life trustees now.

(b) The following substantive changes were made in the IGNCA Trust Deed in 1995.

(i) **Composition of Trust** — As per the original deed there were no life trustees. The first appointment of all the trustees was to be made by the Government. The Government had also a role in the appointment of new trustees against the vacancies arising from the retirement of trustees.

As per the amended deed founder trustees were made trustees for life. The Government of India have no role now in regard to appointment of trustees.

(ii) **President of the Trust** — As per original deed, President's term was for ten years.

As per amended deed, President as on 31st October, 1991 is made President for Life.

(iii) **Member - Secretary** — As per the original deed, the Member-Secretary was to be appointed by Government of India.

As per amended deed, Member-Secretary will be appointed by Trustees themselves.

(iv) **Periodic Review** — The original deed provided that the President of India shall be the visitor of the IGNCA, and the visitor may set up from time to time a Review Committee to review the working